

Here is a true and perfect account of the

PROCEEDING

**AT
VVINDSOR**

Concerning the

CITIZENS

Petition Presented

To his most

GRACIOUS

MAJESTY

By the right honourable the Lord Mayor and the worshipfull
Court of Aldermen, likewise the Kings most gracious an-
swer deliuered to them by the Lord keeper.

ON Monday the 18th Instant about 4. in the Morning,
the Lord Mayor of London, attended with the Court of
Aldermen set forward toward Windsor, and there to
present a Petition to his most Sacred Majesty, in order to the
the present State, of the Charter of the City. And being come to
the Castle they submissivly (after a learned Speech) present-
ed their Petition, whereupon his Majesty was pleased to call,
a Council, being set the Petition was read and after some de-
bate

bate his Majesty was pleased to return this Answer, that they should have submitted sooner, and not to have contended against reason, with Power, and Justice, and that now they must expect, that it should be left to his Majesties disposal to make choise of such Officers of the City, namely the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, Aldermen Recorder Town Clark, and Common Serjeant; and that it should be left wholly to his Majesty to Nominate who he should think fit, the first and second time, but if the Citizens, should refuse to accept of the persons so Nominated by his Majesty, that then he should choise and appoint what person or persons he should think most fit to serve in those respective offices he should appoint them for, notwithstanding the dislike of the dissatisfied, and with this Answer they took leave and departed the Court, for London, their return without doubt was longingly expected, but perhaps with an answer more pleasing than what they met with, and let this be a warning to all Citties, and Corporations that they do not hereafter infringe their Liberty, and baffle away that Freedom which in vain they may wish to continue. Nor can it be justly thought that his Majesty intended any prejudice to his Anient and Metropolitan City, but that the Priviledges being in some measure violated gave way and liberty to call into question, what hath been so long in dispute. Nor is it like, that it should be as some giddy brains pretend to believe that all the priviledges and Franchises of the city shall be clearly lost, for you may find in the preceeding lines, what his Majestie intends to alter and I think it is not convenient for every idle inconsiderate Animall to call into question what his most gracious Majesty with the advise of his learned council shall think fit to do Nor can the unparaleld clemency of our Gracious Prince be in any measure unknown, to those who pretend to be dissatisfied in the transactions relating to the present State of affairs. I shall conclude with this short and I hope Loyal advice that it is convenient for all subjectes to obey, and not to seeme to contend with him, whose admired Virtues, may serve for Paterns to the whole World, and whose favours have been multiplied to contentions Spirits time after time. So God blest the King.

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